

*Statement Of The Substance Of The Interview*

On May 01, 2007, Thomas E. Lees, on behalf of the applicants, conducted a telephone interview with Examiner Jinsong Hu. Thanks to the Examiner once again, for the time and consideration during the telephone interview. No demonstrations were utilized. Additionally, no exhibits were transmitted to the Examiner. An unofficial proposed claim amendment was transmitted along with the request for interview, which was submitted on April 27, 2007.

During the interview, the quality of service QoS system disclosed in the primary reference cited in the Office action, U.S. Pat. No. 6,765,909 to *Sen et al.*, was compared and contrasted with the method for providing transactional quality of service as claimed in claim 1 of the present application. Moreover, the applicants presented to the Examiner, an unofficial proposed amendment to claim 1 as set out in the request for interview. The thrust of the applicants arguments during the interview are as substantially set out in the Arguments/Remarks section of this paper. The thrust of the Examiner's arguments are substantially as set out in the Office action mailed February 22, 2007. During the interview, the Examiner indicated that the unofficial proposed amendment added additional clarity to the claims and better distinguished the conventional QoS system of *Sen et al.*, from the claimed transactional quality of service system. However, no agreement was reached with regard to the claims.

The applicants are not conceding in this application that claim 1 is unpatentable over the art cited by the Examiner. Rather, the unofficial proposed amendment is only for facilitating expeditious prosecution of this application.